

15 March 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Joseph Winslow, Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners of the Civil Service Commission
Re Executive Salaries

1. Mr. Joseph Winslow, Mr. Walter Pforzheimer and I had a meeting on the subject of executive salaries from the DCI through supergrades. I told him that we had planned to put the DCI in the same class as other major government officials and private industry with his Deputy slightly below that and the three Deputy Directors of the components, the Inspector General, the General Counsel, and the Special Assistant for Plans and Coordination equated with Assistant Secretaries.

2. He said that this was a perfectly satisfactory package. I then told him that my main worry was how the supergrades would be handled. He told us that the White House would decide these questions eventually and that there was always a good deal of political trading that took place in establishing salaries. He seemed to think that, until the Assistant Secretary level was set at \$20,000, they would raise GS-18 to around \$18,000 with GS-17 and GS-16 a corresponding percentage raise. Until the Assistant Secretary was put at a level of Congressional salaries, however, they might set up one or two additional supergrades. This move might cause a general lowering of rates and they might, therefore, go back to the other plan of not creating two additional supergrade types.

3. Mr. Winslow was most pleasant and agreed to keep us informed of negotiations as they progressed. He cautioned us that this was extremely sensitive and that this should not be disclosed to anyone except those in high authority.

* In view of other agencies such as FOA, etc.

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